

HILL'S PECULIAR REFORM.

FAVORING WASTEFUL EXPENDITURES.

A MEASURE TO REFORM METHODS OF STATE PRINTING KILLED FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.]

ALBANY, Oct. 14.—A lavish expenditure of money for "printing" and "advertising" was one of the ways in which Tweed sought to strengthen the Ring power. In the years 1870-71, when Daniel Manning was looking after the interests of *The Argus*, nearly \$400,000 was paid to *The Argus* Company alone for printing and advertising. In the session of 1871 it was a regular thing to order printing and advertising, almost without limit, to benefit Tweed's supporters, and for all of that shameful waste of money David B. Hill voted. That may, perhaps, account in part for Mr. Manning's desire to see him elected Governor. The Ring wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars in a similar way in New-York. A bill was passed in 1871 authorizing Tweed and Connolly to expend such sums as they might see fit, in whatever way they might please, for advertising, but explicitly stating that no newspaper should be entitled to charge for publishing the proceedings of the Council, or for anything else unless authorized to do so by Tweed. For that bill, Hill voted. Nearly all of these old printing claims, some of which Hill has already legally seen to become Governor, grow out of that law. There are others of these state claims for large sums pending in New-York, which have just as much basis as the ones Hill has legal against the protests of the city authorities. These claims have been rejected by the courts. The city authorities, following the lead of Andrew H. Green, have for many years refused to pay them.

By the last report of the State Treasurer it appears that the printing of the State cost \$79,968 for the fiscal year, which is only about one-third the sum paid in one year under Tweed to *The Argus* alone. If the State should establish a printing office of its own, as proposed by Mr. Hill, it would have to pay out at least \$100,000 in the purchase of material to begin operations with, and no person with any experience in the management of a printing office will doubt for a moment that in the payment of salaries and other expenses, the State would expend many times more than it does now for printing. The same influences that demand such an establishment would then demand that all sorts of work should be ordered to give employment to men with votes, and the State would find itself carrying on business in the same costly manner that has been done in the construction of the New Capitol. It is not likely that it would require for a long time anything near the \$2,250,000 that is expended for the Government printing at Washington, but experienced business men believe that this proposal would lead to a yearly outlay for the State as great as that under Tweed. But Mr. Hill approved this scheme for the establishment of a State printing office. He said it would add largely to the poorest workmen, the Legislature last winter rejected this absurd proposal. It was conceded, that even under the present comparatively small appropriation for State printing a large sum is wasted; while the slow manner in which the work is done often makes it entirely valueless.

State institutions, officers and boards which are required to make annual reports often delay them so that the reports do not reach the Legislature in time to be of any value for the purposes of legislation. Appropriations have to be made frequently on guesswork, without trustworthy data. Officers of institutions, in many cases have their reports printed out of the appropriation for their institution. But they print only a few copies, and the Legislature has to have the work done over again, causing unnecessary expense to the State. What is worse, the journals and bills of both houses are often not printed for several days, and thus bills are slipped through and gross errors committed which could not be done if the members had the printed bills and proceedings before them. The State officers and institutions get a good deal of work done regardless of the State contracts, thus favoring political supporters at the expense of the taxpayers.

For economical reasons, and to give the printing houses of the State an opportunity to bid on these contracts, the Legislature last winter passed a comprehensive bill on this subject. It was introduced by General Curtis, and was carefully considered by the committee. It received the approval of the proprietors of a number of the most extensive printing establishments in the State—both Democratic and Republicans. The bill required public notice to be given each afternoon, when the Legislature was in session, of all bills of different public notices published in Albany, New-York, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo, that sealed proposals would be received for the whole or any part of the work. The bill gave the State authorities the power to contract on the most advantageous terms for such printing for two years. The bill specified in detail how the printing was to be done, and required a satisfactory guarantee to be given in each case. To save the State a waste of money in printing unnecessary copies of reports, the bill required that no report be printed in each case, and to put a stop to another legislative abuse familiar in Tweed's day, the bill provided as follows:

No extra copies of documents, reports or books shall be printed under any contract unless such extra or additional copies are ordered by the State authorities, and no extra copies of any document, report or book shall be printed by the State authorities, unless ordered by the State authorities.

The most excellent provisions of the bill required the State officers and institutions to have their annual reports for the fiscal year which ended September 30 ready to be printed and transmitted to the Legislature on or before July 1, 1886. The bill would make them of some value to the Legislature, and would save the printing of many of them the second time. Another provision required the reports to be printed within forty-eight hours from the time the manuscript is given to the printers.

No more important reform measure has been passed by the Legislature for years. It was introduced completely by "State printing rings," and would have saved the State a large sum annually by saving the State the cost of printing unnecessary legislation. Little or no opposition was made to the bill, except on the part of certain printers of this city, among whom the proprietor of *The Argus* was said to have been conspicuous. It is believed that the bill was introduced by the Governor and presented the weighty reasons why the bill should be signed. But while he did not vote for it for lack of reasons, probably he refused to sign it, and it failed to become a law.

CHIEF REPORT FROM THE STATE.
The Republican State Committee's reports from the State grow better and better. From letters shown yesterday the following extracts are taken:

John C. Homer of Reservoir, Erie County, writes to Secretary Vrooman: "The outlook for a Republican victory in this contest is brighter than at present. I believe in a victory as of old time."

G. F. Norton writes from Lake Simcoe, Ontario County: "The nomination of William W. Phelps for Governor is a great asset to the Republican cause. It is a man who can give as large a majority as for Blaine last fall, which was the largest since 1860."

Charles H. Haines of the German Society of the City of New-York, and F. W. Hollis had a consultation during the day with Mr. Davenport and Major C. Ulrich, the candidate for State Treasurer, with reference to German organizations.

Senator Evans had a conference with Mr. Davenport and Chairman C. H. Haines, and they discussed the situation in New-York. He has agreed to go to Buffalo and will probably go to Syracuse, but has decided not to go to Albany.

Among the speakers were Auburn Birdsell of Birmingham, C. H. Haines, Commissioner Stephens; William H. Vrooman, of Brooklyn; Health Officer Smith and Beiden, of Syracuse.

THE YOUNG MEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB.
No. 21 West Twenty-second street, last night, and will hold weekly meetings on Wednesdays until the close of the campaign. Twenty-two new members were elected and the club is now in a flourishing condition. The club is the result of the resolutions recommending the re-nominations of Judges Barrett and Sedgwick, introduced by him at the meeting of the Young Men's Republican Club of Albany, and acted upon by the club. After discussion this was voted down by the club. It was said that the club was organized to circulate copies of a Republican daily newspaper as the most effective campaign literature was laid on the table. It was said that the club was organized to circulate copies of a Republican daily newspaper as the most effective campaign literature was laid on the table.

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NEW-YORK STATE AND ENERGY WILL INSURE A LIKE TRIUMPH IN THIS STATE IN NOVEMBER.

A DEMOCRATIC PANIC.

CANDIDATES SELLING EACH OTHER OUT.

EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF AND THE DEVIL TAKE THE HINDMOST—AN AFFAIR TO MUGWUMPS.

[FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.]

ELMHURST, Oct. 14.—Democratic politicians were yesterday to-day some interesting news about their state ticket. It was alleged that each one of the candidates from Governor Hill down was attempting to sell out the rest of the ticket in order to secure his own election, seeing that the entire ticket is in peril. This news confirms the statements that have come to some of the Republican State candidates that if they are willing to make a "deal" with their own election can be assured: that is, if they will enter into a combination with some of the Democratic candidates they will be elected by Democratic votes. Of course these overtures were met with scornful refusal.

Governor Hill believes in small "deals" as well as big ones. The Republican candidate for Senator in this neighborhood was approached by a man who was recognized as a confidential political agent of Mr. Hill with a proposition of this nature: "If you won't work hard for Davenport we won't nominate any Democratic candidate in this neighborhood. If you will work for Davenport, we will give you a large sum of money." Mr. Davenport's canvass will be pressed with all the power that I possess." Propositions of a similar nature it is thought will be made to other Republicans in other Senatorial and Assembly districts. Everything will be sacrificed to elect Mr. Hill. Here in Chemung County the Democrats say they have no hope of electing a candidate for the Assembly or for Senator, and are therefore not making any effort to elect a candidate for Senator. Mr. Hill, it is said by some, is a candidate for Assembly member to permit of the election of John B. Stanchfield, his law partner, as District Attorney. They have no faith that, when his own personal interests are so deeply involved, he will be any more loyal to other Democratic candidates.

If Mr. Hill is feeling around among Republican politicians to see if he cannot outstep them in the Democratic campaign, he is fishing for the Mugwump vote. This is notably the case with Controller Chapin and Attorney General O'Brien. They see that Mr. Hill is already defeated and are attempting to save themselves, no matter if they lose Mr. Hill's total vote by the operation. They propose a ticket reading: Davenport, Chapin, O'Brien, and Sedgwick. They are offering to sell out the vote of Mr. Hill's supporters to Mr. O'Brien's friends, who are largely of the Mugwump variety. Mr. Hill's friends have lately written to Mr. O'Brien's friends, asking them to support Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill's friends have lately written to Mr. O'Brien's friends, asking them to support Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill's friends have lately written to Mr. O'Brien's friends, asking them to support Mr. Hill.

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SMALL FIELDS AT PIMLICO.

COOL SPRAGUE'S VICTORY OVER PONTIAC.

PONTIAC, DEW DROP, EAST LYNN, AND BOURKE COCKRAN WIN EASILY.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 14.—The first day of the fall meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club, at Pimlico, brought out a large attendance. The track was in excellent condition, however, and the fields were small.

In the first race, three-quarters of a mile, for all ages, for a purse of \$500, the entries were as follows: Sam Brown (Arnold), Pat Dennis (Crown), Colman (Stimpson), John C. (Maynard), Colman (Rafferty), Haron (Fitzpatrick), Beale (Hughes), Col. Clark (Donohue), Swift (Haston), Burch (Coffey). In the auction pools the field was the favorite at \$50 against \$15 for Swift. The betting was 7 to 5 on Swift, 3 to 1 against Sam Brown, 7 to 1 against Col. Clark, 8 to 1 against Burch, 10 to 1 against Beale, 12 to 1 against Haron, and 20 to 1 each against John C. and Pontiac. Pontiac won easily, half a length in front of Swift, some length ahead of Beale, time 1:20. Mutuels paid \$34.

For the Central Stakes for two-year-olds, subscription \$50, half forfeit, one mile, the club added \$500, there were only two starters, Millie (McLaughlin) and Dew Drop (O'Brien). Dew Drop was the favorite in the auction pools at \$50 to \$10 for Millie. The betting was 10 to 1 on Dew Drop and 1 to 1 against Millie. Dew Drop won never hesitatingly, easily by eight lengths; time 1:30. Mutuels paid \$5.65.

The Dixie Stakes for colts and fillies three years old, two miles; subscription \$100, half forfeit, the club added \$1,500, brought out East Lynn (Donohue), Richmond (McLaughlin), Lonvree (Fitzpatrick), Saltpetre (Meaton), and St. Augustine (Hughes). East Lynn was the favorite in the pools, selling for \$30, against \$20 for Richmond, \$10 for St. Augustine, \$10 for Saltpetre, and 7 to 1 against Richmond. The betting was 4 to 5 on East Lynn, 3 to 1 against Richmond, 4 to 1 against Saltpetre, and 7 to 1 against St. Augustine. The race was a close one, with East Lynn winning by a head, time 3:40. Mutuels paid \$10.

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